



Sylvia Lake Breeze

Sylvia Lake Association Newsletter
Fall 2006

Shooting the Breeze

Lea E. Dickson, Sylvia Lake Association President

What a thrill to announce that it is official....four years in the making...the long awaited update to the 1980's book, ***Sylvia Lake Legacy: 1807-2007*** is finally on sale. Please send your check and the enclosed order form to Crystal Leonard.

Join us in the celebration at the Book Launch Party, June 15, 2007, at the Gouverneur Country Club. The Book Committee has done an amazing job and we extend our tremendous gratitude for their efforts. Thank you to Shari, Katie, Jeanette, Linda, Olive, Mary Jo, Marilyn and Crystal.

Many thanks to members of the community who volunteered time, donated prizes and participated in the many activities sponsored and organized by the Sylvia Lake Association in 2006.

The Executive Board has set a tentative schedule for 2007 summer events, so be sure to mark your calendars. More information will be made available in the spring newsletter.

The board will continue to focus on the importance of water quality. We've completed year one of the Adirondack Lake Assessment Program. The ALAP

measures leading parameters that provide information about the health and aging process of a lake or pond. These parameters include transparency, pH, alkalinity, conductivity, concentrations of chlorophyll-a, calcium, phosphorus, nitrate, and dissolved oxygen, among others. We should receive our results sometime in December and will post them on the website and include the information in the spring newsletter.

Our water testing team includes Carlton Force, David McGrath, Faye and David Lockwood, Lea Dickson, Shari Barnhart, Jeanette Perry and Jody Hatch.

Our efforts to improve navigation safety is moving slowly. We will be submitting a permit application to NYS for proper marking of the shoal at the south end of the lake. Additional buoy markers have been recommended for speed limits, weed beds and the public swimming area. Before expanding the program, we will need volunteers to maintain the buoys.

Stay connected to the community by visiting www.sylvialake.org.

Have a healthy, happy, holiday and winter.

See you in the spring.

The 25th Charlie Ferguson Memorial Fishing Derby



The Reilly Boys - Michael, Frank and Danny entered 156 Rock Bass to capture the trophy at the 25th Annual Charlie Ferguson Memorial Fishing Derby.

Colin Bush won the drawing for \$25. The Petrovic Camp placed second with 104 fish. Despite the high winds many kids gave it a try and some good family fun was enjoyed by all.

Thank you to Gale Ferguson who continues this great tradition in memory of his father.

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38th Annual Sylvia Lake Boat Parade

Thank you to the Co-Coordinator of the 38th Annual Boat Parade, Mary Lacks Smith and Kelley Lacks. The theme was Song Titles. Thank you again to Harland Brown, Brown's Jewelry, for providing the Boat Parade awards again this year.

Volunteers to coordinate the event next year? Ideas for theme? Contact an Association Board member or send a message through the website.



Best Motor Boat: "Lollipop Kids"
Kamp Krowded- Hughes/Hurst/Hay



Grand Winner: "Puff, the Magic Dragon"
Roy Smith, Designer/Builder
Joe Lacks, Boat/Crew



"God Bless America"
The Ferguson Camp



"On A Mission From God"
The Andy and Crystal Leonard Camp



"Cheers" The Besaw Camp



"Surfin' USA"
Bush Gang from Kay Leonard's Camp

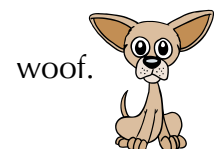
Sylvia Lake Petiquite



Be sure your dog is a good neighbor. Prevent your pet from being a nuisance by following these guidelines.

- Be aware that some people are afraid of -or do not like dogs.
- Control your dog at all times.
- Keep your dog confined to your property.
- Supervise your dog while it is outside.
- Keep your dog on a leash when off of your property.
- Be aware of and curb your dog's barking.
- Pick up and dispose of defecation.
- Register your dog and be sure its dog tag is in place at all times.

The Town of Fowler has a Leash and Nuisance Law. Basically, dogs may not run at large, bark habitually, or chase or intimidate any person. complaints may be filed with a peace officer, Town Justice or Dog Warden.



**Summer 2007
Community Events**

- June 15-** *Sylvia Lake Legacy Book Launch & SLA Spring Meeting*, at the Gov. Country Club
- July 4-** Annual Light Up the Lake
- July 7 & 8-** 26th Annual Charlie Ferguson Fishing Derby
- July 14-** Weeder Winder Milfoil Weeding- Details TBA
- July 15-** Milfoil Rain Date
- July 21-** 39th Annual Boat Parade & SLA Picnic
- August 24-** Fall SLA Meeting
- TBA-** Kayak/Canoe/Boater Safety Courses
- TBA-** Two concerts are planned.

Adirondack Lake Assessment Program

Sylvia Lake has completed its first year of ALAP water sampling. We tested at the outlet, middle of the lake and inlet during July, August and September. Carlton Force and David McGrath are shown in the photos below, reeling in the secchi disk which measures transparency or the water clarity of the lake. In the Spring, we will seek volunteers for the Summer 2007 testing program.



Carlton



David

Constitution Review

At the Annual SLA meeting on August 25, 2005, the nominating committee recommended that the Executive Committee review the constitution. The original constitution was adopted in 1968 and has served as a guide to the community for preserving, protecting and promoting the welfare of Sylvia Lake, its area and environment.

Last Fall, 2005, Joel Hopper volunteered to examine the constitution and he presented his committee's comments at the June 2006. We tabled the discussion until the August meeting. It was apparent at the meeting in August, 2006 that the membership would benefit from another opportunity to review the documents.

Initially, we intended to address the constitution in this issue, however, due to the Book Launch, we will delay until the 2007 spring newsletter.

The Executive Board is hoping to make final recommendations at the annual August meeting.

**Happy 200th Birthday
Town of Fowler 1807 - 2007**

In recognition of the 200th anniversary of the Town of Fowler, a copy of the new Sylvia Lake book will be donated to the office of the Fowler town historian, Connie Bishop.



(Fishing Derby, continued)

Allyson Millard caught the largest panfish and Emma Dening was the youngest fisherman in the 25th Annual Charlie Ferguson Memorial Derby. Winner of the special drawing was Colin Bush.

Thank you again to Carlton and Rosalie Force for donating a tremendous array of trophies and prizes. Lucky kids won a new fishing pole and reel, tackle boxes and very nice lures.



Sylvia Lake Dues and Contributions

Annual Dues of the property owners shall be \$10.00, payable to the Treasurer or the lake representatives before September 1st of each year.

Thank you to all who have generously given to the Sylvia Lake Association year after year. Your gifts of time and money are what makes our community strong and the success of the Association's programs are dependent upon your support. Since the beginning of the SL Association in 1968, all property owners have been considered members.

Your dues and contributions are essential to provide funding for for our Standing and Special committees, newsletter mailing, water testing, the Annual Picnic, 911 road signs, concerts, milfoil weeding, Tour de Camp, Sylvia Lake Online, the Sylvia Lake Book update and other mailings and activities.

Please mail dues and contributions to:

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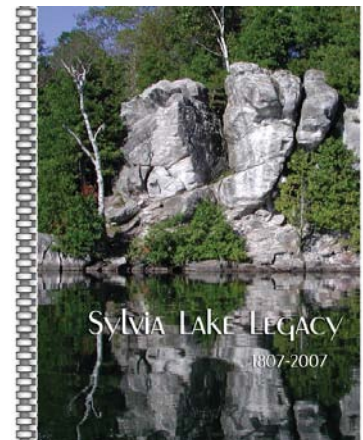
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(Photo L toR) Jeanette, Sandy, Dave, Gale, Kelley, Donna, Mona, Lea



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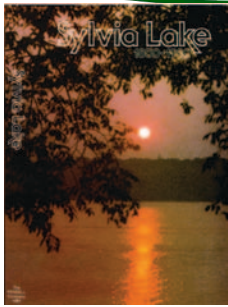
The Sylvia Lake Book Update committee is proud to offer to the Sylvia Lake community, an update to **Sylvia Lake: History and Genealogy, 1800-1980**. The new book comes with a CD containing the entire 1980 book and an updated Sylvia Lake map, prepared by Bill deLorraine. The entire package, book, CD, and map will cost \$55.00.



The Association is planning a Book Launch Party (and Association meeting) on June 15, 2007, to be held at the Gouverneur Country Club. Those people who sent in their pre-order can pick up their books at this event. If you are unable to attend the book launch, book(s) will be mailed USPS on June 25, 2007.

If you would like an additional order form or would like to use a credit card to purchase, go to the Sylvia Lake website.

www.sylvialake.org



1980's Sylvia Lake Book

There are a very small number of 1980 books available from the book committee. These books were donated by the Pendell family to benefit the book committee's work and to help with our production costs. We are accepting "first received, first served" requests for these books. The cost will be \$75.00 for the first who send their payment, until we run out of books. One per property, please. Make your check out to the **Sylvia Lake Association** and write "1980 Sylvia Lake Book" on it somewhere.

Send it to:

**Katie Pistolesi
162 Park Street
Gouverneur, NY 13642**

Books will be delivered at the Book Launch Party on June 15, 2007 or mailed to you on June 25, 2007.

Your check will be returned if all books are spoken for before your request arrives.

September 16, 2006 Milfoil Weeding Day



Volunteers wait to begin the weeding. In the photo: Sandy Kraker, Ralph and David Undercoffler, Gary, Maurice, Maddison and Linda Scott.



Help! Sylvia Lake Picnic Coordinators Needed!

Many many thanks go to our long-time Picnic Coordinator, Mona Allen. Mona has decided to pass the picnic basket to another volunteer. The picnic has been a lake tradition established by the Pistolesi family in the beginning years of the association. It was a great way to meet the neighbors. More recently, the picnic is a celebration for our boat parade designers and crew and a gathering of old lake friends.

We are hopeful that our grilling chefs, Gabby and Joe will be available for another year. Please contact any board member if you would like to help out for the July 21, 2007 picnic.



Roger and Joel LaPierre use their own version of a weeder winder off their dock on September 16.



Roy Smith demonstrates his personally handcrafted Aquatic Weeder Winder.

July 14, 2007 will be a Weeding Day, using a variety of Milfoil Weeder Winder inventions along our shoreline.



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ACROSS

- 1— This mineral is mined in the local underground.
- 5— The largest park in the contiguous United States.
- 8— Built in 1929 for St. Joseph Lead Co. employees.
- 9— Our lake is shaped like this object.
- 11— Tree, once plentiful around Sylvia Lake's shore.
- 14— This name means, "Black Water."
- 15— The Sylvia Lake ___ went online in 2003.
- 16— This boat needs both wind and water.
- 20— If you are on the East Shore in the evening, you will see one of these.
- 22— With its little mask, this creature is always ready for Halloween.
- 23— Sylvia Lake's home town.

DOWN

- 2— Deer love to munch this tree in the winter.
- 3— T.O. Fowler and his bride, Sylvia, lived in one
- 4— The first camp was built on this bay.
- 6— This water craft is sleek and silent.
- 7— The mansion was made of blocks of this mineral.
- 10— Flower, found only in certain locations in spring.
- 12— Once there was one on the shore of Sylvia.
- 13— Also the name of a local lake, this is the last name of a 19th century French dictator.
- 17— Almost every property has one of these.
- 18— Four legged creatures who eat leaves.
- 19— The call of this water bird is just crazy.
- 21— Another local mine looks for this mineral in a pit.